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OUR OWN LITTLE FIGHT

Now that President Wilson has outlined to congress measures which he would have that body legislate on for the good of the American people, the eyes of the country will be turned on the national capital with almost the same interest as they have been turned on the European conflict. For a great struggle, though of another sort, will be on in the national legislature in a few days.

First and foremost will be the contest over the preparedness program and second in interest will be the fight over the government ownership of a merchant marine. The first is destined to pass by a large majority, if we may judge from the expressions of leaders of both parties, though it may not take the exact form outlined by the president in his address yesterday. With the declaration that Senator Clarke of Arkansas, one of the seven Democrats who helped kill the ship bill last term, that he will support the modified bill this time, there is reason to believe the bill will pass.

The Record is glad the president paid tribute to American enterprise. The president is a level-headed man, and he knows that, without the co-operation of good business men, a merchant marine would never amount to much. Ultimately he expects the whole business to be turned over to private enterprise—a statement which elicited applause from the Republican side, we note—and it is to be hoped that the forthcoming bill will be so framed as to permit of this. Once the government takes hold of a thing, however, it seldom turns loose, and there is little reason to believe that the merchant marine would prove an exception. Regardless of this, the Record, which is able to appreciate the needs of the country, is willing to accept relief from any source whatsoever.

THE MOONLIGHT SCHOOL

From ten to twelve men, whose ages range from twenty to sixty years, meet in the West Hickory public school three times a week to receive lessons in the first steps of education under Mr. J. Caswell Sherrill, principal of the school. These men will meet tonight, Friday night and again Monday night.

They are learning, some of them more rapidly than others, but all are going forward in their good work. This is due not only to the patience of their teacher, but to their eagerness to make up in later years for the lack of a chance in boyhood days.

The Record is being used as a help in the school. The men find it easy to read the ads of merchants and after the school closes they take the papers home with them and study the matter in them, for the best session. The Record is sending a dozen copies free of charge for the benefit of these good people, and it would be glad to send twice that many—three times or four times the number.

Mr. Sherrill asked the Record to write an article that his new students would be able to read, without any trouble. They like the paper, and before many nights will go through its columns like the paper's other readers. The Record wants its new readers to feel that it is deeply interested in their work, and that it will feel almost as good as they when they are able to get as much out of it as they surely will. Men who try always do well. Friends, keep on working.

SHERIFF ROWE

The people of Catawba county were grieved today to learn of the death of former Sheriff M. J. Rowe. He had been in declining health for a long time, but Christian gentleman as he was he faced eternity without fear. A member of one of the oldest families in the state, a man of strict probity, a splendid public servant, he died with the honors of life and in the love of his fellowmen.

We haven't had time to write the esteemed Associated Press a letter in appreciation of the splendid service the Record is receiving, but we are appreciative never the less. Manager Lyon, in charge of the Raleigh bureau, is due much of the credit for the excellency of the service, because he displays good taste in the selection of matter furnished the smaller papers.

If this were not a free country, all of us could not express our opinions on any and all things. There is a land where the newspapers are muzzled and citizens are not allowed to express in public their sentiments about the conduct of the government they help to support and are now fighting for. The United States blunders along, maybe making mistakes, but it is not holding anybody down if he is able to get up. We are glad the Indians were robbed, fellows.

The Record is not accusing Judge Clark of the Stateville Landmark of doing what the state supreme court sometimes is accused of doing—doing an issue—but the Landmark did not inform us whether any large number of newspapers attacked Representative Kitchin before he wrote that letter questioning the sincerity of Democrats who will stand by the president.

We cannot help sympathizing with the national guard officers who oppose the military feature of the preparedness program, for there's a reason. Some mighty good positions might be abolished. Yet we know men like Adjutant General Young are competent to take good places in the new order. They have brought out the guard in this state.

Japan is taking energetic steps to protect her citizens and interests in China and, while we are not an admirer of the little brown men, we confess to an admiration for the manner in which they look after their interests abroad. A country with a proper regard for the rights of its citizens will not be imposed on often.

"Rural credit is a good thing," remarked Maj. W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, "but what the farmers need is rural cash." Is there any farmer who will dispute this?

Did you ever feel when the press went wrong, the power got off, or something like that happened, that you had almost as soon be president as connected with a print shop?

All Reading Lessons For Moonlight Schools

The following are the remaining lessons to be used in the moonlight school:

VI
we raise crops on the farm.
We plow the soil deep.
We plant good seed.
We raise good crops.
We plow the soil deep.
Plant good seed.
You can raise good crops.
Plow the soil deep and plant good seed.

VII
our home mother keeps flowers neat clean.
is fruit.
Our home is on the farm.
I am a good home.
We like our home.
We have fruit and flowers.
Mother keeps our home neat and clean.

VIII
school have help must teacher house.
We want a good school.
We want a good teacher.
We must have a good teacher.
A good school will help me and my brother.
We like our school.
We like our teacher.
We keep our schoolhouse neat and clean.

IX
roads cost less than bad roads.
community bad less than church.
We want good roads.
Good roads will help our community.
We want a good road to school.
We want a good road to town.
Our community must have good roads and a good school.
Good roads cost our community less than bad roads.

PRESS COMMENT

As to a "Typical American."

Columbia State.
Casually the New York Evening Post speaks of Colonel Roosevelt as one whom Europeans regard as "the typical American." If they do, it is the typical European mistake. Colonel Roosevelt is the exceptional American.

Your "typical American" is one who begins life as a rail-splitter or a briefless lawyer and, fighting his way forward and upward, attains to prominence. Take Taft. He won prominence but went to the white house practically without a dollar and is still poor. Take Wilson, struggling college professor and historian, but always with the bread and butter question before his eyes. Take McKinley, good soldier, faithful and capable politician but failure as a business man, who had to be taken care of by his friends lest his value to the Republic be lost. Take Lincoln, country lawyer and politician with all the hard experiences that a country lawyer and politician must undergo. Roosevelt is the one conspicuous modern American born to fortune. Fond of work, amazingly energetic, he has never had to work—has never had to take thought of the morrow. In England he would have been "typical"—as Arthur Balfour and Lord Roseberry are typical—an able representative of the English gentry or upper middle class eager to serve his country. Balfour tells like a demon for his country and so to tell has been his pleasure and his joy.

We suppose we should feel like hopping on the state board of health too, if it should publish allegations or facts likely to injure our pride, but we would still admire Greenboro for endeavoring to get at the source of the trouble instead of becoming fighting mad.

Hickory already has sold more than twelve times as many Red Cross seals as were disposed of all last year. Yet this is not such a good record, in itself, but it does go to show that the people are buying 'em. Put a seal on every package and help the unfortunate.

All Tar Heels will hope that Col. Thos. J. Pence, a Tar Heel himself, will fare well at the hands of the Democracy. Colonel Pence is a good fellow, and there is none to deny that he made the best Washington correspondent ever.

We have every reason to believe that Hickory will take on enough new enterprises in the next five years to make any other five-year period in its history look like a piker. And some of these will be with us in less than twelve months.

Just about 2,000 bills were dropped in the hopper as congress met, and to understand all these bills would require much patient toil. Happily the great majority of them will never see the light of the open congress.

Even should it snow, sleet and freeze, we have had enough ideal weather to make us grateful for this climate—though we are prone to forget our blessings once they depart.

A number of Chapel Hill men went turkey hunting the other day, according to the News of that place, and one man succeeded in bagging four in a short time. They were tame.

Had you forgot that there are two amendments to the constitution to be voted on next fall? and can you name them off-hand?

Good roads cost less than bad roads.

well bodies cleanliness
long eat next
be food godliness
happy
Keep well and you will live long.
Keep clean and you will keep well.
To keep well:
we must keep our bodies clean,
we must keep our homes clean,
we must keep our community clean,
we must eat clean food.
"Cleanliness is next to godliness."

XI
citizen its three
also flag liberty
State of sing
country
I must be a good citizen.
A good citizen loves his community.
He also loves his State.
A good citizen loves his country and respects its flag.
"My Country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing."
A good citizen loves his country.

XII
Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are they that are pure in heart: for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.—Matt. V.
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

but he doesn't have to. In England they breed and train statesmen as they do thoroughbred horses; in the United States the statesman is usually self-made in that he begins life as a nobody in particular though not necessarily as the driver of a canal boat.

In the south the Roosevelt type was not uncommon early in the last century. Sons of wealthy planters and merchants were educated for public life. They studied law as a branch of politics. Our southern system had many points in common with the English. Roosevelt's southern inheritance is significant and it is most helpful to him. The esteemed Yankees have never been accustomed to aristocrats in public life and so, when one of them is manifested before him, they naturally bow themselves before him. Of course, the great established estates of the north will in future produce a number of the Roosevelt kind. The Federalist statesman of South Carolina between 1790 and 1810 were splendid men but they were not exactly the typical Americans, even of their time.

That Roosevelt, aristocrat by birth and training, is democratic of manner and habit is natural enough. From the beginning of history the born aristocrat has been the leader of the masses. Clodius, with whom we do not compare the Colonel generally, had himself voted out of the partisan class into the plebeian. Politically speaking, it is no longer respectable to have been well born. In the south, it is a circumstance to conceal and deny even if it may be stylishly trotted out and displayed in discreet company after the election, but among the Yankees a gentleman born to an estate and a family tree (half southern) who betrays capacity for leadership is a novelty to command infatuated admiration. Roosevelt is a "typical American"? Why never was a leader from his class before except in the south.

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